MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 8, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular session at 7:00 p.m. on March 8, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Commissioners: Chair Patz  
Vice Chair Mejia  
Emerson, Hill, Rodman, Seaman and Singer

Present: Staff: Steven Mendoza, Development Services Director  
Farhad Irandalab, Traffic Engineer  
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary  
Rick Moore, Police Captain

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rodman.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications. There being no speakers, the Chair closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 08, 2017.

Commissioner Emerson asked for it to be noted that what he meant to say under item 6A was, "[signs are to be posted] by the owner". Additionally, Commissioner Emerson recommended the re-wording on page 3, regarding the pole located at the front of the business to read, "removal of pole located outside of the business, unless removing it violates a law".

Motion/Second: Seaman/Singer  
Carried 7/0/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 8, 2017, with stated corrections.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. “Traffic Engineering 101”

Discussion regarding Traffic Engineering and its function within the Community.

Traffic Engineer Farhad Irandalab provided the Traffic Commission with training concerning the functions of a Traffic Engineer and traffic signs.
The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the items presented in the training.

Chair Patz thanked Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab for his informative presentation.

Chair Patz closed discussion on item 6A.

**B. Traffic Commission Status Log**

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Commissioner Rodman asked for clarification on item F15 on the log. Staff and the Traffic Commission discussed this item.

Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab advised the Traffic Commission that items F16 in the log have already been resolved. Development Services Director Steven Mendoza thanked Commissioner Mejia for reporting those outages.

Staff and the Traffic Commission discussed items on the log and the prospective of items on the list becoming future Capital Improvement Projects.

Chair Patz closed discussion on item 6B following no further questions or concerns.

**C. Four Month Review of Residential Parking Implemented in May 2016**

Staff continues to work on this and has ordered the parking data to be developed by a Consultant.

Development Services Director Steven Mendoza advised the Traffic Commission that the study has been ordered; within the next thirty (30) days the count will be completed, and it will be an approximate three week turnaround time for the submittal of the results.

**D. Request for a “Four-Way” stop at Catalina Street/Walnut Street**

Concern has been expressed by residents near the intersection of Catalina Street and Walnut Street regarding the need for improved traffic safety near this area. A request was made to install a “Four-Way” stop at Catalina Street and Walnut Street intersection within Old Town West neighborhood.

Staff and the Traffic Commission discussed the request for the installation of the stop signs.

Commissioner Emerson stated that following the presentation given by Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab, he believes that stop signs create more problems than they are worth.
Commissioner Singer recommends to not continue with an evaluation of this intersection.

Motion/Second: Singer/Rodman
Carried 7/0/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to not recommend further evaluation of this intersection for the requested to install a “Four-Way” stop sign.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
   Development Services Director Steven Mendoza shared the success of the State of the City event with the Traffic Commission. Additionally, he shared that the first Business Recognition Awards took place.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS
   Commissioner Hill reported a safety light that is out at the southeast corner of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Orangewood Avenue.

   Commissioner Mejia inquired about the “no parking” signs that were posted near Katella Deli. Development Services Director Steven Mendoza stated that they are signs posted by Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) for the study being conducted, in preparation for a sewage system update.

   Development Services Director Steven Mendoza provided the Traffic Commission with information regarding the work that will be done in about two years by OCSD.

   Commissioner Emerson asked about what were the possibilities of requesting to have the most affected streets done during the summer because of traffic levels.

   Development Services Steven Mendoza advised that being that it is a regional project, to meet their deadlines, OCSD might hear out the request of the City, but it will not guarantee that they are going to move around one school.

   Furthermore, Commissioner Emerson suggested forming coalitions to try and mobilize what is needed to be done to try and address a future issue that could be faced as a result of this project.

   Development Service Director Steven Mendoza stated that the goal is for all agencies to work together, and not against each other. Being that OCSD is such a big agency, the chances of our requests changing their project timeline, are very slim.

   Commissioner Singer asked if the Commission has any stated goals for the year 2017.
Staff and the Traffic Commission discussed developing a list of the goals the Traffic Commission has for 2017.

Motion/Second: Singer/Hill  
Carried 7/0/0: The Traffic Commission agrees to develop a list of goals for the year of 2017.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Daniel Patz, Chair

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Michelle Müller, Department Secretary